

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-22, 24, 25, and 27-33 are pending. Claims 28, 30, and 31 have been amended and claim 29 has been cancelled. In addition, claims 1-22, 24, 25 and 27 have been allowed, and claims 29-31 and 33 have been indicated to be allowable.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

Claims 28 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) for being anticipated by the Davis patent. To overcome this rejection, claim 28 has been amended to recite the subject matter of claim 29, now cancelled from the application. Claims 30 and 31 have been amended to depend from claim 28. The Examiner indicated that these amendments would be sufficient to place claims 28 and 30-33 into condition for allowance along with the other claims pending in this application.

Withdrawal of all of the rejections in the Office Action and furtherance of the application to allowance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, Samuel W. Ntiros, at the telephone number listed below. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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